The British and Egyptian Forces Storm the Trenches.

BRAVE FIGHT BY THE REBELS.

Notwithstanding Their Disastrous Repulse, it is Believed They Will Make an Attempt to Retake Their Lost Position.

Another Defeat for the Rebels. LONDON, Dec. 20 .- A dispatch from Suakim says the combined forces of the British and Egyptians have made an attack upon the rebel position. They stormed the re-doubts and trenches, and after an engagement lasting half an bour drove the enemy into the bush. The British force lost four

men killed and two wounded. The Egyptian

and black regiments charged the trenches

and carried them, losing two men killed and

thirty wounded. The only officers wounded

in the attacking force were two Egyptians. The rebel loss is stated to have been 400, Before dawn this morning the British man-of-war Starling and an Egyptian steamer moved up the coast with orders to cover the rebels at Handoub. At daybreak the forts opened fire upon the rebel trenches and the troops advanced to the attack, the black brigade upon the right flank and the cavairy and mounted infantry covering. The Scot-tish Borderers, the Welsh regiment and the Egyptian brigade occupied the embank-ment between the forts, the British infantry being held in reserve. The forts shelled the trenches, keeping up a terrific firing. The enemy held their ground with courage until the black brigade charged the trenches, which fell after a half hour's hard fighting. The rebels fought with fanatical bravery.

Two of the enemy's guns were captured.
The Scotch Borderers are now at work
entrenching the rebei position. The enemy
are retreating toward Hasheen and Tamar.
The British force numbered 4,000 men.
The feature of the fighting was the determined rush upon the trenches by the blacks and Egyptians. The Dervishes fought with the utmost bravery, a great many of them dying in the trenches. The charge of the Hussars is also specially mentioned. When the Dervish cavalry saw them coming they the Dervish cavalry saw them coming they dismounted from their horses and planted their spears in the ground, but these proved no obstruction to the Hussars, who swept down upon the Dervish norsemen like an avalanche, cut through the ranks, and left half of them dead on the ground. The Hussars then reformed and charged the remaining Dervishes who fled. A large portion of ing Dervishes, who fled. A large portion of the rebel force was not engaged in the fight, being absent camping at Handoub and beyond that place. It is believed the rebels will be

that place. It is believed the rebels will be reinforced and make an attempt soon to retake their lost position.

SUAKIM, Dec. 20.—Osman Digna's nephew and twelve dervishes have been captured.

Afflare wounded. Serious complaints are made concerning the quality of sabres and revolvers furnished to the troops. Several cavalrymen returned with broken sabres, and in many instances their revolvers became and in many instances their revolvers became clogged and were rendered useless.

Three zerebas and a stockade were built over the filled trenches and manned by four Soudanese battalions and British soldiers. The space between them and the water fort was occupied by a battalion of horse ar-tillery. The emir of Trinkitat is a prisoner.

He is wounded.

London, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Times from Suakim says: The prisoners say they believe that all the mounted gunners were killed. All tell the same story of privation and cruelty at the hands of the Mahdi and Osman Digna. None of them wished to fight, but were forced to do so, or persuaded to fight by promises of loot at Suakim and other re-wards. The trenches were bare. They found no food, clothing or money, but only Snider rifles and cartridges. The prisoners know nothing of the reported capture of Emin, or the fall of the equatorial provinces The natives assert that Handoub would fal at the first approach of our troops. The govrnment ought not to lose this chance task is an easy one, as there is not the slight est sign of any gatherings of local tribes.

Digna's Letter Discredited.

BERLIN, Dec. 20 .- The Emin relief com mittee announce that after a careful examination of Osman Digna's letter they have concluded that the proof of Emin Pasha's capture has not been established. They will erefore start Lieutenant Wissmann's expedition for Emin's relief at the earliest possi-

Will Stand by the Sultan.

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- In a speech at Scarbor ough to-day, Lord Salisbury said that the government did not propose to entangle the country in a new Soudan expedition, but would not, under any circumstances, abandon Suakim. As long as the khedive desires, England will maintain the Red Sea ports. It would be madness to surrender Suakim when on the eve of suppressing slavery. By the treaty of Paris, England is bound to uphold the integrity of the sultan's empire.

The House of Commons

LONDON, Dec. 2d.-In commons to-day Ferguson stated that instructions had been sent to the British consul at Zanzibar to pro test in the strongest terms against a repetition of the cruel executions which had oc curred in the streets of Zanzibar.

REV. CROSBY WAS ANGRY

And Used Some Forcible Language In Referring to Foreigners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE !- Last winter Governor Hill. under a legislative act, appointed a commission to revise and combine the excise laws of this state in an effective and comprehensive form. The commission is now at work in this city. Among the commissioners are Rev. Howard Crosby, an old New Yorker named Smart, and Gallus Thomann. The latter is editor of a journal in the interest of the brewers and malsters. The Sunday saloon question was under discussion to-day before the commission, when Commissioner Smart turned to his colleague, Thomann, and said: "Do you think that people who come to this country should ask those who are in this country to change their opinions! Mr. Thomann grew red and started a vicious attack against the Knickerbocker commis-sioners. "Let me tell you," said he, "that I have exactly the same right to utter my have exactly the same right to utter my wishes as you or anybody else who happens to be born in this country. The American character, as a type, is absolutely nothing. To us you owe all. Who was it who first raised his voice against slavery but a German! Who brings the music that hath charms to sooth the savage breast to this country! What right has Mr. Smart because he happened to be born here! What

cause he happened to be born here! What has he done!" Dr. Crosby then quickly said: "My blood boils when I hear the talk of these abominable foreigners as soon as they set foot in this country. There are 100,000 of these fresh country. There are 100,000 of these fresh arrivals here, who dare to rudely and roughly threaten us, the American people; ho want to tell us what to do. The remain ing 200,000 Germans here are respectable cit zens. We want no Mosts and Schwabs here.

Seceded From the Knights. PITTSBURG, Dec. 20 .- The railroad miners of western Pennsylvania, at a delegate cor vention, representing 9,000 miners, held here to-day, decided to join the Miners' National Progressive union. Most of the miners were members of the Kuights of Labor, and their desertion will be a hard blow to the district assembly. The question of enforcing the ssembly. The question of enforcing the

BLOODY BATTLE AT SUAKIM. HARRISON'S VISITORS.

Conference With Ex-President Hayes on Political Matters. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 20. - General Harrison's visitors to-day were not nearly as numerous as yesterday. Quite a number of the west-

ern veterans who attended the Loyal Legion

banquet remained over to-day, and were among the callers. Ex-President Haves, with his son, Rutherford B., drove out to General Harrison's. When General Hayes called with mem-bers of the Loyal Legion yesterday. General Harrison expressed a desire to see him alone, and an appointment was made for a talk this morning. It is supposed that the main purpose of the conference was to ob-tain from the expresident some information acquired in his experience as chief magis-trate. It is believed by some politicians that General Hayes will be offered a position

abroad by the new president.

During the conference the other day with General Britton, chairman of the inaugural committee, it is learned that the president-elect made a request that the survivors of his old regiment, the Seventh Indiana, should constitute his escort at Washington. Heretofore federal troops have been the guard of the president-elect on inaugural

FREEZING AND STARVING.

Sufferings of Poor Canadians Caused

by the Blizzard. MONTREAL, Dec. 20 .- [Special Telegram to THE BRE.]-Full reports of the blizzard which began Sunday, and only ceased yesterday, are now coming in. The most serious consequences are reported from lower Quebec and back villages out of the line of railway travel. The summer had been bad for farmers, and the crops were so meagre that much distress was felt. It only needed a storm like the one just past to cause the most widespread distress. In the small villages back of Quebec and below that city many families are suffering thus early in the winter for the actual necessaries of life. Farmers are killing off their live-stock, and those who have none to kill have sent a piteous appeal to Car-dinal Taschereau and Premier Mercier for relief. Several instances of freezing to death

are reported.

The storm along the Nova Scotia and Cape Breton coasts was unprecedented. The ship Golden Rule, from Glasgow for Miramichi, ran ashore on the island of St. Pierre Miquelon, Monday night, and was totally wrecked. The crew, except the steward, who was drowned, managed to escape to the shore, where they were found yesterday morning exhausted and badly frozen. The schooner N. Wright, bound through the straits of Canso, was cut into by the ice, and the crew was removed with great difficulty, and in a serious condition. Numerous small fisher-men have gone ashore on the Nova Scotia coast. There is great suffering among the poor awellers along the coast.

QUELLED THE REBELLION.

A Brief Naval Battle Ends the Trouble

in Venezuela. NEW YORK, Dec. 20,- [Special Telegram to The Bee. |-The Venezuelan rebellion has at last been suppressed. The news of this termination of the trouble was contained in official dispatches received by Mr. Rodriquez, a member of the Venezuelan consulate. The documents were delivered to him by the captain of the steamer Philadelphia a few hours after her arrival at this port yesterday. About sixteen months ago General Toaquin Cerespo and Rojas Paul were candidates for the Venezuelan presidency. General Cerespo had been president for one eral Cerespo had been president for one term. His opponent was a well-known law-yer who had just become prominent in public life. The people favored the latter, and, seeing that he would not be elected, General Cerespo stirred up his followers, manned a schooner with his most trusted lieutenants and sailed away with them to Trimdad. Paul was duly elected president and his first care was to see that Cerespo's adherents did not create any disturbance. With this view he commissioned General Pacz, a grandson of the famous warrior whose obsequies were recently celebrated, to make an expedition against the rebels. On board the man-of-war La Liberta, General Pacz went in search of the schooner. The two vessels came together December 2. The battle, if it may be called a battle, was brief. One man on board the rebel ship was killed. Cerespo and his crew were taken prisoners and are now confined in a dungeon at Car-

Kansas Railroad Audacity TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 2).—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A conflict has arisen between the board of railroad commissioners and the St. Louis & San Francisco road. which is looked upon as a very serious matter by the commissioners. The board has no authority by law to enforce its orders, but they have always been complied with until the case in question came up. The people of Eagle township, Sedgwick county, upon the solicitation of the Midland Raffway company voted bonds of the township to the amount of \$15,000, to aid the construction of the Mid land road. One of the conditions upon which bonds were voted and issued was that the company should build and maintain a depot near the center of the township. A depowas built, but no provision has been made to was built, but no provision has been made to operate it or transact business therein, and the people are destitute of depot facilities. The Midland road is now operated by the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway company. The board decided that the people were entitled to depot facilities, and that it was the day of the company now operating the road. duty of the company now operating the road to supply them. But, although considerable correspondence has been had, the railroad company refuses to comply with the order, which is the first instance of the kind since the board was organized. The board will urge the coming legislature that provision be made by statute for the enforcement of their

The Washington University. Rome, Dec. 2.1.-A letter sent by Cardinal Gibbons and the American bishops to the pope with reference to the Washington university, announces that the sum of \$800,000 has been collected for the new institution, and that the university buildings are now in process of erection. The cardinal and bishops request a concession of academic privileges to the university and ask the pope's approval

Affairs at Hayti.

HAVANNA, Dec. 20.-The sub-sea system now established to Hayti is working satisfactorily, and by this means the following telegram has just been received:

PORT AU-PRINCE, Dec. 20,-President Leg-

time continues in power and a majority of the people recognize his authority. A pacifi-cation of the country is considered at hand. Neither the Yantic nor Galena, the United States war ships, have yet arrived. A Miscreant's Deed LITCHFIELD, Ill., Dec. 25.-Some miscreant threw a dynamite bomb into the cupola of

the Litchfield Car and Machine company's foundry this morning. The missile exploded. tearing the cupola to pieces and seriously in

Two Children Burned to Death Indianapolis, Dec. 20 .- At noon to-day, while Mrs. Staff, a colored woman, was away from home, her house caught fire and her two children, aged three and five years, were burned to death before assistance could

The Weather Indications. For Nebraska and Iowa: Fair, decidedly colder, northerly winds. For Dakota: Fair, colder, variable winds

The Earl of Warwick Dying. London, Dec. 20.-The Earl of Warwick is

INTO PUBLIC LIFE AGAIN.

Rumor That Hayes Will Be Tendered a Cabinet Position.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

A Gigantic Junketing Scheme-Paddock on Tariff Revision-The Chippewa Bill-About Fort Omaha's Present Site.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMARA BEE,

VASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20. The report is current that President-elect Harrison may tender ex-President Haves a position in the cabinet. The basis for this conjecture is of interest just at this time, as it is known to a few that General Harrison just missed being a member of President Hayes' cabinet. When the latter came to Washington and was inaugurated he remained for several days at the residence of Senator Sherman. Mr. Hayes recognized the marked ability of General Harrison, and the fact that he had made a magnificent, although unsuccessful, race for the governorship, taking the nomination under the stress of circumstances created by the retirement of Godleve S, Orth, the regular nominee. Senator Oliver P. Morton was then manipulating the politics of In-diana, and the burden of the selection of an Indiana man for the cabinet fell upon him. He attempted, however, to have the delegation in congress from that state, relieve him of the embarrassment. Governor Morton was very kindly inclined toward General Harrison, but there were other republicans to whom he felt under obligations, and he did not desire to make the recommendation himself. There were several meetings of the Indiana delegation, but no agreement was reached as to whom should have the cabinet portfolio. General J. N. Tyner, who has figured since that time conspicuously in Indiana politics, was postmaster general, and the Indianaians wanted him retained. Mr. Hayes refused to do this, however, and he was seconded in his conclusion by Senator Sherman, on the ground that if he retained one of the old cabinet officers he would have to retain others, and he wanted to make a clean sweep. Sena tor Sherman's inclinations coincided with President Hayes' idea, that General Harrison should be the Indiana representative in the cabinet. Mr. Hayes said he would make him either secretary of war or secretary of him either secretary of war or sec retary of the navy. After one of the conferences one night, some of the Hoosier republicans drifted into Senator Morton's room at the Ebbitt, and the discussion was there renewed. It appears that a member of the senator's family put a pin in the question, which settled it. The next day Senator Morton took a carriage and drove to Senator Sherman's house. There he informed the two Ohioans that the Indiana people were unable to reach a unanimous agreement as to whom should go into the cabinet, and he adunable to reach a unanimous agreement as to whom should go into the cabinet, and he advised the selection of Richard Thompson, of Terrehaute. The recommendation was acted upon. The warm friendship between General Harrison and Mr. Hayes antedated the campaign of 1876 many years. Their forefathers and their family relatives were intimate friends. The three or four Indiana republicans now in Washington who know why General Harrison was left out of Presiwhy General Harrison was left out of Presi-dent Hayes' cabinet, and of their long per-sonal friendship, believe that if Mr. Hayes will consent to become a member of the new cabinet, the question of how Ohio is to be

A JUNKETING SCHEME.
The discussion on the river and he was resumed at a late hour this afternoon Representative Sowden, of Pennsylvania, called attention to one very peculiar feature called attention to one very peculiar feature of this very peculiar measure. The committee, in preparing the bill, inserted a clause which authorized the speaker to appoint the members-elect to the Fifty-first congress, to inspect all the river and harbor improvements in the United States. They are to have unlimited control of funds and are to be permitted to draw all the money they need for expenses, simply upon need for expenses, simply upon the draft of the chairman. No such gigantic junketing expedition was ever planned in congress before, and if this por-tion of the bill should be chacted into a law, there will be nothing in the world to prevent members of this committee from traveling over the entire United States, from the rock nd harbors of Maine to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, up the Mississippi and Missouri, into the Yeilowstone, across the continent, down the Pacific coast, and to visit every goose creek within the confines of the United States, all at the expense of the national government. When it is remem-bered that all river and hartor works are under the supervision of United States engi neers, men much more competent to judge of the character of the work being performed than the lawyers who compose the commit-tees could possibly be, the absurdity of the proposition of Congressman Blanchard will be understood. It is certain this provision of the bill will be stricken out, when a vote upon it is reached.

provided for will be promptly settled.

"During the presidential canvass," said
"During the presidential canvass," said
by democratic members that, after the
election, the whole subject of the tariff would be dropped by the republican senate. On the other hand, the republican speakers, everywhere, assured the country that the work of tariff reform should be speedily done, so far as the senate was concerned, after congress met in December. The republican senators have striven from the first to keep this pledge, but the democratic sen-ators have shown an intention to prevent the passage of the bill. The best evidence of the perfect good faith of the republican senators perfect good faith of the republican senators was their unanimous determination to sit day and night, until Christmas, without a holiday recess, until the bill could be perfected and passed, and the policy of the democrats was clearly shown by their opposition to this plan. But they have come to their senses at last, and we shall pass the bill." "The bill does not suit me in many respects," continued the senator. "I would like to have sawed white pine on the free like to have sawed white pine on the free list, for example, but I don't think this can be accomplished at the present session. I feel quite certain, however, that we can reduce the duty from \$2 to \$1 per 1,000."

"Are you a tariff reformer?" "Yes, and no. I am for the protection principle, but I want all duties reduced to the

minimum consistent with that idea."

COMING TO A VOTE.

Now, that it has been definitely decided by the senate that a vote shall be taken on the tariff bill on the 21st of January, the finance committee will close up its business at the earliest possible moment, and in order that this may be done, it has been decided that no more hearings shall be given upon the subno more hearings shall be given upon the subject matter of the senate substitute to the
house bill. Senators Morrill, Hiscock,
Aldrich and others, who have worked so industriously to perfect the mensure, are very
much gratified over the course events
have taken in the senate. The
democratic members of that body
have at last opened their eyes to the situation and have come to the conclusion that tion and have come to the conclusion that factious opposition will not pay them. There was not a single voice raised to-day in oppowas not a single voice raised to-day in oppo-sition to Senator Morrill's proposition for a vote on the 21st of January, and it is now settled beyond doubt that the house will have the bill before it in time to dispose of the surplus question before the 4th of March. If that question is not disposed of by that time, the blame will rest upon the democratic majority in the house, and not upon the republican party.

THE CHIPPEWA BILL. The house to-day concurred in the bill to dispose of the reservation of the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota. There are some four million acres involved in this bill, and, under the terms of the measure, as it was agreed upon to-day, the lands are to be disposed of

for the benefit of the Indians, and are to be for the benefit of the Indians, and are to be divided up into agricultarsi, mineral and timber lands. The timber lands are said to be the chief component part of the reservation, and it was over the timber land question that the controversy was maintained. Ordinarily the public domain of the United States which happened to be covered with timber has been sold to wealthy syndicates at auction, and it sold to wealthy syndicates at auction, and it has frequently happened that rings have been enabled to secure exceedingly valuable

grants for very small sums of money. This Minnesota bill initiates a new system. All the lands which may be designated as timber lands which may be designated as timber lands are to be appraised by competent appraisers, who shall estimate the number of 1,000 feet of timber upon each acre, and the lands are to be sold at a price not below \$3 for each 1,000 feet, board measure, of timber standing upon them. VII.L NOT REVERT.

I am informed at the adjutant general's office that the courts fixed the price for the lands upon which Fort Omaha is now located, and the government paid the owners of the

property that price. Therefore the land will not revert upon the abandonment of the fort, to the original owners. Perry S. Heath. Ask a Constitutional Amendment. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-Senator Hoar resented a petition to-day signed by 3,228 citizens of Massachusetts, praying for the adoption of a constitutional amendment which will prohibit the interference of any religious sect with the system of the common public schools. The petition is the expression of the late public gathering of citizens in Beston, held in old Faneuil hall, and asks the senate to speedily frame such a constitutional amendment for submission to the

proval or rejection. New Postmasters Appointed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Mrs. Rhoda Howard has been appointed postmistress at Lambert, Holt county, Neb., vice Livingston L. Wagers, resigned.

legislatures of the several states for their ap-

lowa postmasters appointed: F. J. Mason, Attica, Marion county, vice Joseph Jennings, resigned; J. E. Ingalls, Denmark, Lee county, vice William H. Babcock resigned; William M. Suteliff, Hitton, Monroe county, vice Elizabeth A. Clark, resigned; M. H. Cochran, Morning Sun, Louisa county.

Washington Brevities.

The senate to-day confirmed the army and navy nominations except six new staff appointments. Also the following: Thomas Burke, chief justice of Washington Territory, and O. B. Hallum, deputy first auditor

of the treasury.

In the senate to-day Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to pay the soldiers of the late war who were promoted while serving, the bounty they would have been entitled to had they not been promoted. The same provis-ion was made regarding soldiers discharged on account of diseases contracted.

A Protest From California. San Francisco, Dec. 20.-The chamber o commerce this afternoon adopted a resolution

which will be forwarded to the California delegation in congress, protesting against a reduction in the duty on sugar, raisins and fruit, as proposed by the senate tariff bill.

THE DAKOTA DEMOCRATS.

They Hold a Convention to Advance

the Cause of Statehood. MITCHELL, Dak., Dec. 20 .- At a convention of South Dakota democrats to-day for the purpose of taking action to advance the cause of statehood, delegates were present from twenty-one counties. A committee of the leading democrats of the territory was appointed to go to Washington and present the matter to congress. As a compact statement of the case, the convention adopted a memorial to congress, which, after urging a division on the seventh parallel, and immediate admission, represents that the division of the territory of Dakota, by an east and west line, for many years has been desired and expected by its citizens; that congress has been memorialized to that end without avail by sixteen successive legislative assemblies; that, atticipating division throughout all these years intervening since the first settlement of the territory, all hope has been guided and all interests builded to that end.

The constitution adopted at the election in 1885 is considered as proper and in every way desirable. Immediate action is urged.

DESERVED THEIR FATE.

The Dead Kemper County Whites Were Murderous Kuklux.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—[Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-The most interested man in Harrisburg concerning the race war in Kemper county, Mississippi, which began Sunday with the killing of Henry Maury and Cobb, and the wounding of Frank Maury by negroes, is Dr. H. Clay Chisolm, son of Judge Chisolm, who, with his daughter and little son, was murdered in prison by the Kemper county Kuklux on April 29, 1877. Dr. Chisolm said to-day that the two Maury boys, who were shot Sunday, were members of the Kuklux party that killed his father. Two years previous, in 1875, Henry Maury had been chosen to kill Judge Chisolm while the latter was making a republican speech, and this fact was told to Dr. Chisolm, then a and this fact was told to Dr. Chisolin, then a boy, by Senator Gilmer, who was afterwards killed by the Kuklux. The lad did not leave Henry Maury's side all day, and Judge Chis-olm was not assassinated that day. Dr. Chisolin says the Maurys have been, since they were mere boys, the leaders in "nigger huntings" around Wahalka, and he has seen more than one poor, wounded negro the vic-tim of an election day shotgun, fired by one of the Maurys. He predicted from what he of the Maurys. He predicted, from what he has seen, that every negro in the vicinity will be killed or forced to fly the country.

The Diss DeBars Reunited.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- [Special Telegram ! THE BEE.]-The Diss DeBar family is once more reunited. The male Diss DeBar was released yesterday from Blackwell's Island. He began his six months term June 20, or one day later than did Miss Sclomon, alias Mrs. Diss DeBar. After breakfast he was given the rather rusty garments he wore when imprisoned. Lawyer Marsh's nephew, Douglas Alvin Stewart, was in waiting in the prison office, and, arm-in-arm, he walked with Diss Dellar to the landing, where a launch was in waiting. The released prisoner refused to speak to reporters further than to ask: "Will you ever cease to persecute me?" cute me?"

Last evening two theatrical men offered Diss DeBar and his wife 8556 a week if they would travel, the woman to deliver one lecture cach evening. Whether Diss DeBar accepted the offer is not known. Anyway, he did not seem to dislike the idea, and the once princess yows she will lecture again "right here in New York."

The Rock Island Dividend.

New YORK, Dec. 20.—The report that has been current for some time in regard to a reduction of the Rock Island dividend proved well founded to-day, when the company an nounced that only I per cent would be paid to stockholders for the current quarter.

Suicide of a Prisoner. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Solon G. Jenkins, a prisoner in the county jail, accused of murdering his father-in-law, hung himself in his cell early this morning.

Sullivan's Money Covered. Boston, Dec. 20.—Representatives of the backers of Jake Kilrain to-day decided to cover John L. Sullivan's deposit of \$5,000 at the New York Clipper office.

A Well Known Journalist Dead. BUFFALO, Dec. 20 .- J. N. Matthews, editor and proprietor of the Buffalo Express, died this evening.

FROM THE HAWKEYE STATE.

Two Important Decisions By the Supreme Court.

THE CONVENTION OF SHERIFFS.

Mrs. Diggle's Trial at Mason City Rapidly Drawing to a Close-A Big Coal Mine Strike Averted.

The Diggle Trial.

Mason City, Ia., Dec. 20. - [Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-For the past two days the proceedings in the case of Mrs. Bertha Diggle, charged with poisoning her husband, have been unusually interesting, and the court room has been crowded with attentive listeners. The case is proceeding far more rapidly than was expected. The state closed its evidence last night. The defendant's testimony was not all taken to-day, and it is likely that the lawyers will begin on the arguments to morrow. Mrs. Mason, nurse of Mrs. Diggle's little child, testified that the relations between husband and child were always pleasant. Just before the Diggles went to Clarion he came to see her

and was very much excited, so much so that she thought he was out of his mind. Charles Howard testified that the deceased was in the habit of taking morphine pills. D. F. the habit of taking morphine pills. D. F. Pugsley, a traveling salesman, testified that Diggle told him that if his wife did not come home with him he did not care whether he lived or not. To George Sample he said that "if she doesn't come home with me I will kill myself." Eighteen witnesses, all from Sioux Falls, testified substantially to the fact that Diggle was of a melancholy disposition, and forced family and business conversations upoa everyone, and always conversations upon everyone, and always became excited when so talking. All thought he was more or less out of his mind, De-positions to the same effect were offered from Redfield, Alexandria and other points in Dakota, where the deceased had lived. Deposi-tions from Philadelphia to the effect that Mrs. Diggle's character for morality, truth and veracity were good, were presented. Mrs. Diggle testified that on one occasion, during one of her husband's spells of despondency, he threatened her life and his own destruc-tion; that she was devoted to her husband,

The Supreme Court. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 20 .- [Special Tele-

and on account of their poverty he wanted her to go on the stage. All of her earnings were sent to him. It is the prevailing opin-ion to-night that Mrs. Diggle will be ac-

gram to THE BEE.]-The supreme court rendered the following decisions to-day: S. C. Gilbert et al vs Joseph Husman, appellant; Blackbawk district; affirmed G. H. Charlton, appellant, vs H. H. Sloan;

īsaac Garmoe vs E. D. Hindle et al, appellants; Webster district; affirmed. Fred V. Beiler, administrator, appellant, vs William Garrett et al; Poweshik district;

Marshail district; affirmed.

dismissed. John A. Reichelt vs G. G. Scal and Latcinda Seal, appellants; Appanoose district; affirmed.

Independent district of Sheldon, plaintiff, vs L. W. Apperle et al, defendants; Lyon district; dismissed.

district; dismissed.
State of Iowa vs Joseph Story, appellant;
Harrison district; affirmed.
State of Iowa vs Mrs. Frank Keuhner et al, appellants; Polk district; affirmed.
The Biair-Iowa Lot and Land company, appellant, vs R. B. Hillis; Harrison district;

affirmed.

Mortimer Hunt vs George Gray, appellant; Audubon district; affirmed St. Paul Fire and Marine Insuran

pany, appellant, vs l. H. Shaver and others inn district; affirmed. M. M. Seekell, appellant, vs A. J. Norman and others; Harrison district; motion sus-

The State of Iowa vs certain intoxicating liquors, P. C. Cummings, claimant; Buchanan district; reversed. The point de-cided is that the presence of alcohol, regard-

less of quantity, in liquors, makes them in-toxicating under the statute. W. B. Jackson & Sons vs A. C. Mott, appellant; Mahaska district; reversed. C. A. Danforth vs Henry Harlon, appel ant; Monroe district; reversed.
Albert H. Turner vs M. Younker and A. J.
Hardin, appellants; Lee district; reversed.
State of Iowa vs Vincent Lucker, appel-

lant; Delaware district; reversed.
Z. F. Andrew vs John Concannon, George and C. W. Payne, appellants, and S. J. King M. Niche's and Stotts and J. M. and R. W. Greggs, intervenors; Audubon district; re

The State ex rel W. R. Graham et al, ap pellants, vs J. D. Nichols et al; Blackhawk

The A. O. U. W. Controversy DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 20 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The supreme court to-day announced another decision in the protracted Ancient Order of United Workmen controversy. This is a reaffirmation of the one made some years since against those adhering to the national body. The court holds that the A. O. U. W. is a life and health insurance company, and as such under the law under which the controversy nrose, could not as a national organization do business in Iowa without complying with the insurance laws. The decision is quite sweeping, and would affect not only the workmen but the Knights of Honor, the Modern Woodmen, the N. W. Legion of Honor, and kindred organizations, and also the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and all other institutions which have provisions similar to that of the A. O. U. W. concerning sick benefits. The law was changed in 1886 since this controversy arose, and the work-men and all other fraternities are exempted from complying with the insurance laws

Trouble In the University. Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 20.-[Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-Quite a little breeze of excitement was stirred up here by the announcement that the board of regents of the university had decided to re quest the resignation of Dr. Clapp, professor of anatomy in the medical department. The action is based on a desire to secure harmony in the faculty, and grows out of a disagreement between Dr. Peck and Dr. Clapp, which has been of long standing. The students of the medical department are much worked up over the matter, and held a meeting at which a committee was appointed to draft resolutions against this action, and another committee was appointed to request Dr. Clapp not to resign. They were very much in earnest, for Dr. Clapp seems to be a favorite among the great majority of the class. From what is said outside, the regents made the request that they desired to know when his resignation would be handed in

The Iowa City Cases. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 20.- Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-The supreme court this afternoon filed a decision in the case of the railroad commission against the Rock Island, in what is known as the Iowa City cases. They decided that the appeal of the commissioners has no standing in court. The governor, attorney general and commissioners were determined that the supreme court should pass upon the issue of railroad rates involved, although the Rock Island has dis-missed the case in the lower court. The supreme court refuses to consider it, and so declares, thus saving themselves from unnecessarily getting mixed up in this railroad fight. The case arose over an application by the Rock Island for an injunction from Judge Fairall to restrain the commissioners from putting into effect their schedule of rates.

The commissioners asked the judge to dis-solve his injunction. He refused. They then appealed to the supreme court. Later the railroad dismissed the suit. The commissioners insisted that nevertheless the supreme court must pass upon their appeal. The court now refuses and dismisses the

The Sheriffs' Convention.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 20. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE.] - The sheriffs' convention concluded its work here to day by electing the following officers for the next year President, Sheriff Garrison, of Harrison county; vice president, Sheriff Palmer, of county; vice president, Sheriff Palmer, of Montgomery county; secretary, Sheriff Jones, of Cass county. The sheriffs passed a resolution of sympathy with Sheriff Smith, of Birmingham, Ala., and commended his bravery and fidelity in resisting the mob. The next state convention will be held at Ot-

The Coal Strike Averted.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The big strike threatened in the north central Iowa coal mining district has been averted by a satisfactory adjustment of the differences between the operators and miners. Concessions were made on both sides. The strikers returned to work to-day.

A "Blind Pig" Raided. MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 20 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A"blind pig," which has been successfully operated for the past two years at Floyd by Francis Doole, was raided yesterday and a large quantity of beer and whisky was seized. Doole is now in juil at Charles City.

LAWYER WHITNEY INSANE. Culmination of the Sensational Shoot-

ing Affair in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 23 .- [Special Telegram to The Bee. |-Lawyer H. C. Whitney was this afternoon adjudged insane in the county court by a jury. Mr. Whitney was the lawyer who was shot by Mrs. Mcckie Rawson in Judge Jamieson's court some months ago, and his wounds then received were the cause of his insanity. Dr. Brower, the physician who attended Mr. Whitney after the attempt was made on his life by Banker Rawson's wife, testified that Mr. Whitney began to show signs of mental distress about two months after the shooting. "He gradually sank," said the doctor, "and all our efforts to aid him proved unavailing. He has gone lower and lower, until he is at present suffering from the most profound melancholy. His insanity is of that type known as melan-choly insanity, but there is not the slightest doubt but that he is insane. These proceed-ings have been instituted that we may have him committed to some asylum where he can be properly treated, seeing that nothing can be done for him at home."
"Do you consider that the mental aberra-

"Yes, sir, and he is undoubtedly insane."

The jury immediately made out a verdict finding the well known lawyer to be insane and committing him to the Elgin asylum.

Mr. Whitney was shot in Judge Jamieson's south side court room one day last summer, while waiting for Mrs. Rawson to make her appearance in a branch of the celebrated di-vorce case between herself and her millionaire husband. The shooting was one of the most sensational occurrences which had ever happened in a Chicago court room. Mrs. Rawson had been the day before defeated in a branch of the case, which had found its way into the appellate court, and in deciding against the banker's wife, the late Judge McAllister administered a scoring that did not tend to improve the tennes of the day. not tend to improve the temper of the lady, not a very placid one at the best. With a face white with anger, the lady made her appearance in Judge Jamieson's court room next day. It was just 10 o'clock in the morn-ing. The judge had been sitting at his desk General Stiles, her counsel, was not with her, but he was close behind her, as he feared what she was about to do. No sooner had the infuriated woman entered the court room

her dress, and, leveling it at the lawyer, fired four shots point blank. WESTERN TRAFFIC MATTERS.

than she drew a revolver from the folds of

Rates on Packing House Products to Be Restored on January 1. Chicago, Dec. 20 .- At a meeting of the managers of the lines in the Western Freight association to-day it was decided that western and southwestern freight rates be restored on January 1. Rates will be advanced to a basis of 25 cents on packing house products and 20 cents on live hogs, Kansas City to Chicago, and 27% and 20 cents, respect vely, from Omaha, Lumber, Chicago to southwestern Missouri river points, will be 16 cents. The agreement provides that, in addition to the penalty already prescribed, any road found guilty of cutting rates shail divide with the competitors the excess of

freight earnings accruing to it on that ac-The committee on the reorganization of Colorado traffic matters also re-ported to-day. The plan comtemplates a separate organization of the roads engaged in the Colorado-Utah traffic, entirely inde-pendent of the Western Freight association, of which it now forms a part. It is to em-brace not only lines west of the Missouri river, but also lines running from Chicago and St. Louis to connect with those roads, thereby combining several divisions of the Colorado-Utah association. The plan will be considered to-morrow.

An Important Medical Discovery.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 20. - Dr. Reeves, the eminent microscopist, has been studying the tissues, livers and kidneys of the patients who died with yellow fever, and discovered a micro-organism that closely resembles a specific germ. The mico-organism is bacillus, and nothing like it was ever be-fore found by Dr. Reeves. The doctor hopes that the discovery will prove successful in determining the specific germ of yellow fever, and that proper culture will be found for it before the next summer.

Important Telephone Decision. Sr. Louis, Dec. 20.-The telephone case. o determine whether the municipal assembly of this city has the right to establish rentals for the use of telephones, was decided to-day by the supreme court against the city. The chief point of the decision is that municipalities cannot control rates charged by a corporation receiving its charter and franchises from the state. The matter will be taken before the legislature when it convenes next month.

Born on the Cars. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 20 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-The authorities here were called upon last night to take charge of a still-born child found in a water closet of

the B. & M. passenger train bound west. It is ascertained that it was a premature birth

by a widow who was removed from the train and taken to a hospital in Lincoln. The babe was buried here to-day by the authorities. No inquest was held. The Wentworth Monolith. CEICAGO, Dec. 20 .- The seventy ton of granite monolith to mark the grave of ex-Mayor "Long John" Wentworth was success-

fully placed in a permanent position at Rose

Hill cemetery this afternoon. A large num-ber of engineers and architects were among the crowd of spectators. Coal Miners in Convention.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.-A delegate convention, representing nearly 9,000 miners in this district, is in session here to-day. The object of the meeting is to discuss the best means for the enforcement of the 79-cent

HIS PRECIOUS BROWN EYES

That's What a Skating Rink Artist Called Another Man's Wife.

A BIT OF SCANDAL FROM THE HUB

May Meet's Brief Honeymoon - A Boasting Lothario Slain-Killed His Daughter's Abductor-A. Teacher Fatally Beaten.

A Victim of the Shating Rink. Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—The Smith scan-

dal, which has been engaging social circlet at Dedham for some time, has finally come to an end by the court granting Mrs. Smith's petition for separate maintenance. E. E! Smith is a prominent Boston Leather merchant, and some dozen years ago be married his wife and set up a handsome home at Dedham. The couple moved in high social circles, and nothing but happiness reigned in the elegantly furnished residence. Two the elegantly furnished residence. Two children, now beautiful young girls, were been to them. In 1885 Mr. Smith concluded to take up a summer residence at Nantasket. While there Mrs. Smith, who was then only thirty years of age and attractive in appearance. thirty years of age and a tractive in appearance, was a constant visitor at the skating rink. There she was taught the art of gliding over the smooth surface of the floor by the instructor, whose name is Henry Moore: A lively correspondence sprung up between them, and in his letters Moore called Mrs. Smith his "darling" and his "precious brown eyes." Mr. Smith became jealous of his wife's actions, but she turned the tables on him and in return charged her husband with being too intimate with her younger sister. She left her husband for this, and her suit for maintenance is now sustained. for maintenance is now sustained.

A Wife For a Day. BOURBON, Ind., Dec. 20.-Nelson Haines, of

this place, went to Indianapolis Saturday evening by appointment, and soon after was married to Miss May Meet. Then he purchased two tickets for Plymouth, but the bride gave various excuses for not wishing to take the train, and that night they spent with friends in the city. On Sunday she disanpeared, and was not found until to-day. She admitted she had ran away from "Nels," and added she had no intention of returning to him. She has been living here for the last twelve months, and there is a suspicion that another young man has succeeded in winning her affections. At last accounts she still per-sisted in her determination not to live with Haines. When asked why she refused to keep her marriage vow, she said: "Because I don't wan't to.'

A Wronged Husband's Revenge. NICHOLASVILLE, Ky., Dec. 20.-Ed McKee and Ed Shotwell are young farmers and tobacco men living near here. Shotwell is a married man, and has a beautiful young wife. McKee threw a shadow over the life of the happy husband, and boasted of his intimacy to others. Last night Shotwell, armed with a Smith & Wesson, met McKee and said he had come for a settlement. McKee said he was ready to settle any way. Snotwell said he would settle that moment, with pistels. He immediately drew and fired three shots before McKee could cry out that he was unarmed. He is shot in the abdomen, shoulder and hand, and it is feared the first wound will prove fatal. Shotwell made his

Killed His Daughter's Abductor. LEAVENWORTH, Ind., Dec. 20. - George W. Davis, of Marietta, whose daughter Lillio was abducted and rumed by William L. Gregory, the indicted White Cap, shot Greg-

ory dead to-day, in this city. Mr. Davis was heart-broken over the ruin some time that in case he met Gregory he would kill him. Gregory was indicted on several counts, and was to have been tried December 23 at this place. He left Marietta Saturday, and returning here fell in the way of the enraged father, whos had blighted, and was killed. whose child's life be

Scholars Fatally Beat a Teacher. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 20.—Thomas McConnelly, a school teacher at Andale, a town fifteen miles west of here, was horribly beaten by some of his pupils yesterday morning, and it is thought it will be impossible for him to recover.

McConnelly was employed by the board of education for four months, and given promise of eight months' employment, as he claims. The four months will be out Friday, and he was notified this morning that at the close of the four months he could consider himself dismissed. On opening school this morning he addressed the pupils on the matter and referred to the board in strong terms. A son of one of the members of the school

board arose, and in answer to a statement called the teacher a liar. He started for the boy and was met by loose pieces of furniture from all directions from a dozen or more from all directions from a dozen or more boys ranging in ages from fifteen to twenty. He responded by throwing whatever could be used for that purpose.

A pitched battle ensued and lasted some twenty minutes, when finally a chair hit the teacher on the head, bringing him to the floor, when he was pounced upon by the angry boys, and had the disturbance not attended the attention of outsiders it is thought

they would have made quick work of him, as when he was rescued he was horribly bruised one arm broken and his skull fractured. It is thought he cannot recover.

Four of the pupils engaged in the fight received slight injuries, while a little girl was also slightly hurt. There is quite a pitter feeling in the neighborhood over the

natter, and it is feared that there will be

tracted the attention of outsiders it is thought

further trouble. Southern Praise For Harrison. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 20.—The delegation of manufacturers, etc., from this city, who visited General Harrison, returned this morning. Fred L. Sloss, one of the delegation, remarked: "We will not know whether we live in Indiana or Alabama so far as the

treatment we receive from General Harrison's administration is concerned." Recovered From Stock Gamblers. Boston, Dec. 20.-The jury in the case of Mrs. Prebel against Bates & Walley, stock brokers, to recover \$60,000 alleged to have been lost in speculation by her son, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for

Three Men Killed. .

\$35,000

Houston, Tex., Dec. 20 .- A construction train on the Arkansas Pass railway was derailed near here yesterday, and A. Howard, Henry Roberts and Antoine Carlson were Three other men were seriously in-

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- Edward Meredith. who was charged with assault with intent to kill Phil Daly, was sentenced to eight years and ten months' hard labor in state prison, and Hermann, his confederate, to six years

Badger Workers Sentenced.

The Honorable Artillery. LONDON, Dec. 20 .- In the commons this afternoon, Stanhope, secretary of war, replying to a question, denied that the queen had withdrawn the honorable artillery

pany's warrant.

A Fatal Collision. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20 .- The Chicago express ran into the Des Moines express here last night, and Engineer Maher was crushed and scalded to death. Engineer Tupper and Express Messenger Moore were badly cut